

Please reply to GENETICS BUILDING

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Dear Avram:

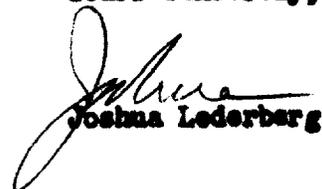
Thank you for your note of June 24. I am really delighted to hear the news about Art, and am sure it will be a superb arrangement all the way round. He had called me just before he went out to visit you, and you can be sure I gave him every encouragement.

I can't recall having made quite so unguarded a statement as you quote, though my sentiments are not very far from them, and at the time the certainty of Art's and Cliff Grebstein's appointments would have been very weighty factors. I am sorry to hear that the alternatives now being considered by Biology are lower in your estimation: at least one of them stands very high in my own, and that is Luca Cavalli. Kees Van Nial was here a couple of weeks ago; I had the impression from him that Stanford might not be in a position still to make another expensive appointment in Biology, partly on account of the leverage needed for Kornberg. It would be really too bad if you're running out of steam at this point.

Our discussions with Barkley have not progressed notably since my last letter to you, but they remain at a point where it would be awkward for me to take an active part in renewed dealings with Stanford. If for any reason they should not crystallize, or if the circumstances otherwise warrant, there is no doubt that an arrangement at Stanford comparable to what has been set up here would be extremely attractive. Even aside from my personal part in it, I would encourage you to support a development in medical genetics, as it is my own conviction that this is an area of very substantial growth to the benefit both of medicine and fundamental genetic science.

Escher and I are going to Australia for a few months this fall, beginning August 1, and will be passing through San Francisco. I hope there might be some occasion to see you. With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg